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MONDAY EVENING.

The equalized valuation of the lands i

TOPEKA, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER 5, 1904.

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TWO CENTS.

The School Fund Commissioners Issue a Statement

About the Shady Comanche County Bond Deal.

A STRANGE DOCUMENT.

Admits That State Holds Defaulted Bonds as Charge.

While Pretending to Deny the Fact.

MAY BE EARLY TRIAL

As Pressure Too Much for Commissioners to Ignore.

Public Will See Now Whether Case Can Be Tried

State Journal publishes below a form statement Issued since this paries and statement Issued since this paries at the paries and statement Issued since this paries at the these suits was served upon the editor and proprietor of this paper late Saturday evening.

Other school districts in the same country reported delinquent in 1902 have paid off principal and interest since that date as follows:

statement is as follows, as given in the official organ, the Topeka Capital: First-No 6 per cent Comanche coun-

bonds were ever offered to the school ad commission by anyone who owned controlled them, or who represented the owner or agents.

ond-No agreement, understanding or arrangement whatsoever was en-tered into with Mr. Godard until the 4% per cent bonds were already issued and were offered to the commission by him on July 22, 1904.

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The State Journal is prepared to prove that the state school fund commissioners were already in default on Comanche county bonds were percent bonds were percent bonds were percent bonds. The school state were percent bonds were percent bo

it will also show that not only the same people who bought the bonds made this increased assessment themselves, but the legality of the matter was passed upon by the attorney general, for his own action as one of the purchasers for the state; that the broker who sold the bonds did so on an understanding to make from \$8,000 to \$10,000 on the deal; and other things will be shown in court that will astound the public.

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sinuations to the contrary are false and slanderous.

That there was any concealment about the registration of these bonds so far as the bond is concerned is wholly false. No member of the board is concerned is wholly false. No member of the board over mentioned it to Mr. Wells or any of his clerks, nor beard it to him. Mr. Wells denies to Mr. Coleman that he ever stated that he "had promised the other fellows," or any one else, that he would conceal bond registrations or anything else in his records.

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It will also show that no one "got" the Topeka State Journal to print the charges. We printed them on our own miotion and to expose a disreputable transaction. Furthermore, the charges on which the State Journal based its statements were not obtained from Governor Bailey or his expert accountant. Howest.

On the other hand the State Journal gave Governor Bailey the news.

Tae State Journal is ready for prompt trial.

If the good people of this state, in the majority, will vote on the evidence we will present, if given the opportunity before election, or have already presented in these columns, they will defeat the members of the state school fund commission who are candidates for re-election because they have been unfaithful to the trust imposed. dates for re-election because they have been unfaithful to the trust imposed on them; and they will defeat State Treasurer Kelly who has been shown

up in these columns and whose bad record has been established.

The good of the state is above the good of any party.

The Official Reply.

So many false statements have been made about the purchase of the school fund commission of the county bonds of Commanche county that we believe we owe it to the people of the state to make a statement of the facts connected with it. The assessment of Commanche county and he setion of the state board of equalization.

C. C. COLEMAN.

The blow has fallen. The members of the state school fund commission have been driven by an outraged public to attempt to make a defense as might have been expected from the men who would invest a securities of doubtful value.

The commission attempts to dodge the main question at issue. Were the continued on Page Seven.)

Packers and Butchers Have Reached an Agreement.

End of the Struggle Is Expected This Week.

MUST BE VOTED UPON.

Strikers to Be Taken Back as Fast as Possible. .

The equalized valuation of the lands in 1294 was \$1.25 per acre in Comanche county. In Clark county on the west it was \$1.05 per acre. In Klowa county on the north it was \$1.50 per acre. In Frat county on the north it was \$1.50 per acre. In Frat county on the north it was \$1.50 per acre. In Barber county on the east it was \$1.60 per acre. Mr. Godard's appearing before the board of equalization had nothing whatever to do with fixing the amount of the equalization.

The heavy reduction of the assessments as returned by the tounty clerk from 1839 and onward was a part of a contest instituted by the county authorities against the old bonds, in which they were defeated, and a judgment rendered for the interest in the federal courts, which has now been paid. The original issue in 1830 was \$120,000, of which \$5,000 has been paid on the principal within the last intreen months.

The state school fund now holds school district bonds of Comanche county school districts as follows: Skilled Men to Receive Same

calling off the strike. According to the plans made they will be instructed to cast their ballots in the affirmative.

These plans were made with secrecy These plans were made with secrecy built.

The Santa Fe engine which is now off the track is a much more powerful one than any yet tested. It is the second largest type of locomotive ever built.

The Fall of Liao Yang.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 5.—A dispatch to the Official Messenger filed at Mukden on Sunday, says:

The bombardment of Liao Yang.

ence has been held.

The first serious break in the stock-yards strike in Chicago came last night when 50 striking livestock handlers were reinstated and at once resumed

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Lamp Explosion Starts Blaze in a N. Y. Tenement.

New York, Sept. 5 .- Fourteen per-

COLORADO FLYER OFF.

J. R. BURROW. I. L. DAYHOFF, C. C. COLEMAN.

Leaves the Track Today at Lecompton.

Santa Fe train No. 10, the Colorado fly-Santa Fe train No. 10, the Colorado flyer, eastbound, known as the Missouri River flyer, is delayed at Lecompton by a tender off the track. The flyer passed through Topeka at 8:10 this morning. The Santa Fe officials state that the accident was not serious and that no one was hurt.

The accident was probably due to the same difficulty with tenders which has made trouble for other Santa Fe trains recently. A lot of new tenders, it seems, were improperly built.

More Summer Resort Weather. The weather is now typical of the mountain resort variety again and "hopes are entertained" that it will continue so for fair week. The maximum temperature Sunday was 78. The wind at noon was southwest, blowing 12 miles an hour. The hourly temperatures recorded by the government thermometer today were as follows:

RAN OFF THE TRACK.

Santa Fe Engine Makes Sensation at St. Louis Exposition.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 5.—The mammoth 134-ton Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe freight engine which the Pennsylvania railroad was running into the Palace of Transportation to be tested on its big testing plant, ran off the track as it was being switched on the sharp curve leading into the building,

sharp curve leading into the building, and now the Pennsylvania engineers are spending their time getting the engine back on the track.

Two powerful engines will be used for this purpose. One of the engines will be hitched in front and the other on the adjoining track. The first will pull the locomotive forward, while the second will pull it over on the track from which it ran off.

This is the fifth of the engines secured by the Pennsylvania railroad for

cured by the Pennsylvania railroad for In the Direction of His Main Wages as Before.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—The Tribune today says:

As the result of a conference just held between representatives of the union involved in the packing house strike and of the owners of the plants,

Those on the roof were unable to escape by descending through the burning building and made their way to safety over neighboring roofs. Meanwhile the members of their families who had remained in their rooms found escape cut off and panic reigned throughout the structure.

The fire started about 3 o'clock in the morning and there was considerable delay in sending in amalarm, although the district is one of the most thickly populated in the crowded East side of New York. When the firemen reached the scene some of the tenants were jumping from the windows and from the ends of fire escapes that

A Fragrant Memory.

The traveling salesman for a New York perfumery house was a guest at one of the local hotels the other day and in order to boost his product he distributed sample bottles of the stuff. The bell hops managed to corral the largest portion of the output and impossible proceeded to surphile every. mediately proceeded to sprinkle every-body connected with the establishment, with the result that guests became imressed with the idea that they were at a backwoods dance. The proprietor of the place did not take kindly to the scheme and advised the help to don different apparel before reporting for duty the next day.-Albany Journal.

Letter Perfect. Rustic poets do not always find rhymes ome easily and naturally. At least the ollowing epitaph in a country district rould seem to suggest it:

Here lies the body of William Lee,

Russians Were Compelled to Abandon Their Artillery

In Their Precipitate Retirement From Liao Yang.

BIG BATTLEHAS ENDED

Kuropatkin Retiring With the Remuant of His Army

strike and of the owners of the plants, the end of the long labor struggle is set for the middle of this week.

An understanding was arrived at by which the men will meet today or tomorrow and vote on the question of hour.

Pennsylvania company hopes to determine the very highest type of engine for every kind of railroad use.

Some of the engines to be tested are of the fast passenger types and they will be run for stretches of eight or ten hours at the rate of sixty miles an lit is added, were damaged in the fighting and the rest were disabled by order ten hours at the rate of sixty miles an lit is added, were damaged in the fighting and the rest were disabled by order of the Pussian commander in chief.

places.
To the east, in the neighborhood of Yental station and the coal mines there was hot fighting on Friday and Saturday. Both sides according to latest information were quiet.
On Saturday trains from Mukden went south as far as Yentai.

this Keily committee has no legal standing, and the anti-Keily Republican ticket will be placed on the official ballot.

The regular Republican committee, of which Geo. L. Robinson is chairman, called primaries for August 13 to nominate a county ticket. Kelly's rump committee called primaries at first early in August, but afterwards postponed them till September 3. The ticket nominated at the regular primaries was duly filed and then protested by the Kellyites.

B. F. Simpson, who has been Kelly's attorney through all his troubles, was the attorney for the Kelly crowd. His whole argument was that the delegations which were seated in the state and congressional souventions were shell at Clao Yang, and that he succeeded in extricating his army and the Relly crowd showed that the Kelly committee was therefore, the legal Republican county committee. In contest board, which is computed and the contest board, which is composed entirely of fusionists, decided unanimously against the Kelly crowd.

OKLAHOMA WEEK.

Is Opened With a Reception at the World's Fair Grounds.

being without precise information themselves. The absence of news from Tokio of anything decisive is also regarded as a good indication that Kuropatkin is free.

and from the ends of fire escapes that reached only to the second floors, and others were crouching in the smoke in the small rooms and narrow halls.

The fire is supposed to have been causel by the explosion of a lamp that had been left to light the hall on the second floor, and the sleeping tenants were not aroused until the hallway was ablaze and escape through the building cut off. The fire was soon extinguished and the search of the dead began.

Most of the dead were found on the two upper floors.

While the search of the building was going on four firemen were at work on a fourth story balcony, when it gave way. Another fireman on the balcony on the floor below was also carried down and was probably fatality injured. The other four were badly hurt but will recover. Two of them fell upon a pile of bedding in the california hotel, where he haledony falling upon them.

The traveling salesman for a New defended only to the second floors, and only to the second floors, and on the balcony falling upon them.

McCoy Postpones Fight,

San Francisco. Sept. 5.—"Kid" McCoy has left for Los Angeles to go link: The fire Los Angeles to go link: Twin' Sulivaning for his fight with "Twin' Sulivan. McCoy linked to the sea store, and will probably want in the sea store, and will probably make his headquarters at Lew hale second floors. The Century club had been left to light the hall on the sea shore, and will probably make his headquarters at Lew hall probably make his headq

fered so severely, had just arrived from European Russia. Although this di-vision was thrown into confusion and lost a frightful number of men, the tem-porary check it was able to give the Japanese probably saved the railroad for Kuropatkin. In the meantime Kuroki freed from Kuropatkin, marched hastily westward to intercept General Stakelburg, who was crossing the river from the left bank. It was then that Kuropatkin though Stakel-burg's corps was lost and so reported to the war office, but Kuroki was too late. Stakelberg not only succeeded in getting his corps across but marched at high speed thirty miles to Yentai, actually arriving in time to come to the support of the hard pressed Orloff.

The war office professes ignorance of the lesses of guns and men sustained by the Russians but there is no doubt

any thousands have fallen. many thousands have fallen.

The retreat of Kuropatkin has evidently thrown everything into confusion at the front and the reports received are meager and incomplete.

The military expert of the Novoe Vremya says the chief question of the moment is whether Kuropatkin will succeed in collecting all his forces from

"are undoubtedly arriving at Yentai from the north. Our main hope lies in the possible exhaustion of the Japanese after the bloody and unprecedentedly long and severe fighting which practically continued day and night from August 24 to September 3."

The emperor has undergone a great strain during the past week. His main fear during the last few days has been that Kuropatkin would be cut off. Like his subjects, the emperor has taken

that Kuropatkin would be cut off. Like his subjects, the emperor has taken Kuropatkin's defeat greatly to heart, but the preservation of the army organization has been a great relief and his answer to the battle of Liao Yang will be the mobilization of two more army corps. So far as can be learned the emperor shows no disposition to blame Kuropatkin.

All classes of the population are awaiting with intense eagerness the re-ceipt of details of the battle and estimates and particulars of the Crowds hang around the bulletin boards. The wives and families of many of the lower classes of the people spend most of their time in the churches, praying that their loved ones may be spared.

The accounts of the battle published in the newspapers here are very in-

in the newspapers here are very in-complete. Some of the papers evident-ly have not yet awakened to the full force of the disaster, but without exception they try to put a brave face on the situation. There is not the slightest suggestion of yielding. The cry of the papers is that the war must go on until Russia is victorious, if not this year, then next year.

At World's Fair.

DETAILS OF FIGHTING During the First Three Days of Sep-

sian infantry pressed forward. Late that afternoon the news came that Kuroki was threatening the railroad at

that afternoon the news came that Kuroki was threatening the railroad at Yental and the Russians commenced to retire, enabling the Japanese to bring up we batteries and enfilade the Russian force along the railroad.

During the night the transport moved in to Liao Yang. On September 1 the Russians retreated from their main positions, which formed a circle around the city, while the transport crossed the river. At 2 o'clock the Japanese succeeded in placing two guns in position and shelled the railroad station, resulting in many casualties. At the same time the Japanese infantry attacked the inner Russian position, but were repulsed. In the evening the Japanese brought up heavy guns and used Shimose powder to shell the Russian town. The Russians held the position till the night of September 2, when they retired across the river.

On September 2 a strong Russian force was moved east from Yental to hold Kuroki back. Kuroki attacked it and was repulsed, being driven from his positions on the left. The Japanese poured a terrific shrappel fire, one shell annihilated two Russian companies. In the evening the Russian artillery, which had been reinforced, shelled the Japanese position and Kuroki pushed right forward and got within 12 miles of the railroad at Yental. Later he was driven back to his original position.

FIVE MEN DROWNED.

Erie Off Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 5.-Five men have tha launch in which they were en route per Sandusky. from Cleveland to Vermillion to attend yacht races at the latter place.

The dead: JOHN D. BEGLEY, 551 Scovill ave

ALBERT G. TREIBER, 28 Averdale PAUL HARTNER, 200 Root street.

These three men were employes of he Cuyahoga Abstract company. MAX HURTIG, a traveling salesman for a New York firm. JULES HURTIG, draughtsman, employed by the Garry Iron and Steel empany, Cincinnati.

MEDICINE MEN MEET.

convened here today at the opening of the annual convention of the American Pharmaceutical association. Two hundred delegates representing 3,000 The first day's work was preliminary.

SHOPS REOPENED

Rock Island Will Not Remove Its Shops to Shawnee.

Muskogee, I. T., Sept. 5.—The Rock Island shops at Chickasaw have been reopened and all the old men are back at work. The shops have been shut down for several months and reports were sent out that they were to be re-moved to Shawnee, O. T.

Game at Philadelphia a Tic. Philadelphia, Sept. 5.—In the morning game with Brooklyn in the National league the score stood:

Rehberg Is Adjudged Insane. August Rehberg was adjudged insane in the probate court this morning. He has threatened his wife and neighbors and imagines people are after him.

Annual Event Is Celebrated Throughout the Country.

Ten Thousand Parade Streets of Kansas City.

A SPEECH BY WATSON.

Populist Candidate for Presiden Addresses Labor Host.

Parade and Athletic Sports at World's Fair Grounds.

Kansas City, Sept. 5 .- Thomas E. Watson, Populist candidate for president of the United States, was the principal speaker at a Labor day pic-

At World's Fair.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 5 .- At the world's fair grounds Labor day was observed with a parade and athletic

side with non-union employes. This was especially noted in the strikes of the marine machinists, the tailors and the butchers

Small Parade in Chicago. Chicago, Sept. 5.—The annual holiday of labor was celebrated today by parade and picnics. The march, the chief feature of the day in previous years, was a comparatively small afair. It was participated in only by the teamsters, workers in the building trader the hutcher workers and a

trades, the butcher workmen and a few other organizations. At Bloomington, Ill. Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 5.—The largest Labor day celebration in local history took place today, about 8,000 persons be-ing in line.

100 Organizations in Line. Denver, Col., Sept. 5.—More than 100 organizations marched in the parade to-day in the celebration of Labor day. Clar-ence S. Darrow of Chicago delivered an address at the Labor union picnic, dis-cussing exhaustively the action of Gov. James H. Peabody and the military sus-this state.

Explosion of Nitroglycerin at

Findlay, O., Sept. 5.-Five are dead and an equal number seriously injured been drowned in Lake Erie as the re- as the result of a premature explosion sult of the capsizing of a 22-foot naph- of a quantity of nitroglycerin near Up-

The dead: MALEN LOOKABAUGH, Findlay. LAFE McKAY, Findlay.

JOSEPH FOX, Lima. CORINNE WISE, aged 11, Upper andusky.
EMANUEL URCAN, Cincinnati.

The injured:
Eignest Wise, leg badly mangled and internally injured: will probably die.
Louis Lookabaugh, aged 15, ear blown off and leg broken; not expected to re-

Alice Wise, badly injured about the head; condition critical. Mary Guilliford, bruised about the body. Claire Lookabaugh, face and limbs

Annual Convention of the Pharmacists

Assemble at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 5.—Medicine men from all parts of the United States convened here today at the opening of

The Johnnies and the Smiths. Chicago's new city directory from page 1,084 offers somewhat monotonous reading, showing the whereabouts reading, showing the whereabouts on our mundane sphere of not fewer than five thousand Johnsons, with a dash of 500 Johnstons and an advance guard of 150 Norwegians by the name of Johnsen. Over 500 Johnthe name of Johnsen. Over 500 Johnsens enjoy the given name of John. The Smith family is losing ground and takes second place, with 4,800 members. The latter clan, however, has the consolation of being closely bound with 1,100 Schmidts,250 Schmitzes,150 Schmitts. S5 Scmids, 65 Smyths, 20 Smythes, 18 Smits, 6 Smeets, 5 Smitts, 1 Smitt, 1 Smeth. 1 Smet, 2 Schmidtzs, and 3 Smitals.

Smitals. That Weshmen are not scarce in Chi-cago is evident from the Evans and Davis department of the volume. The former number over 600, and their cousins, from Cambria's shores, those of the latter name, are twice as numer-

ous. In our midst dwell 16 George Wash-1 in our midst dwell is George Wash-ingtons, 25 Walter Scotts, 2 Charles Dickens and 2 Roosevelts. The happiest man in the directory in Mr. Sorgenfrel, who is manager of something. Ask a German what it

means.
In the "jawhreaker" class are entered

Here lies the body of William Lee,
This was him, this was he,
A. B. C. D. E. F. G.
Nevertheless, there is no fault to be found with the actual rhymes, as such.
—London Globe.

Weather Indications.
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Chicago, Sept. 5.—Forecast for Kansas: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer tonight; variable winds,

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Colonists' Rates via the Maple Leaf Ry.
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"Reinforcements," the paper says, City, Mo.